AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currentl y amended) A method for manufacturing wood elements for musical instruments, comprising:

a laminating step in which a resin is coated onto or is impregnated into a plurality of wooden plate units, fiber directions of the wooden plate units are uniformly aligned, and the wooden plate units are stacked and are subjected to thermal pressing so as to be bonded together and produce a laminated body,

wherein the thermal pressing is conducted by controlling a pressure so that a density of the laminated body is in a range from 0.8 to 1.4 g/cm^3.

2. (Original) The method for manufacturing wood elements for musical instruments according to claim 1, wherein a portion of the wooden plate units is replaced with paper.

3. (Ori ginal) Wood elements for musical instruments obtained using the method for manufacturing wood elements for musical instruments according to claim 1.

4. (Ori ginal) A musical instrument that uses the wood elements for musical instruments according to claim 3.

5. (Currentl y amended) A method for manufacturing wood elements for musical instruments, comprising:

a first laminating step in which a resin is coated onto or is impregnated into a plurality of wooden plate units, fiber directions of the wooden plate units are uniformly aligned, and the wooden plate units are stacked and are subjected to thermal pressing so as to be bonded together and produce a laminated body; and

a second laminating step in which the laminated body thus obtained is sliced along the fiber direction to produce laminated plate units, a resin is coated onto or is impregnated into the laminated plate units thus obtained, fiber directions of the laminated plate units are uniformly aligned, and the laminated plate units are stacked and are subjected to thermal pressing so as to be bonded together and produce a second laminated body,

wherein the thermal pressing in the second laminating step is conducted by controlling a pressure so that a density of the second laminated body is in a range from to 1.4 g/cm^3.

6. (Ori ginal) The method for manufacturing wood elements for musical instruments according to claim 5, wherein the thermal pressing in the first laminating step is conducted by controlling a pressure so that a density of the laminated body is in a range from 0.4 to 0.6 g/cm^3, in the first laminating step.

7. (Original) The method for manufacturing wood elements for musical instruments according to claim 5, wherein a portion of the wooden plate units is replaced with paper.

8. (Original) Wood elements for musical instruments obtained using the method for manufacturing wood elements for musical instruments according to claim 5.

9. (Original) A musical instrument that uses the wood elements for musical instruments according to claim 8.

10. (Currently amended) Wood elements for musical instruments, comprising laminated wooden plate units, each having uniformly aligned fiber directions, a thickness of 20 mm or less, and a density of 0.8 to 1.4 g/cm^3.

11. (Original) A musical instrument that uses the wood elements for musical instruments according to claim 10.

12. (New) A method for manufacturing wood elements for musical instruments, comprising:

providing a plurality of wooden plate units;

applying a resin to the plurality of wooden plate units;

stacking the wooden plate units with fiber directions of the wooden plate units aligned; and

thermal pressing the wooden plates units to create a laminated body, wherein the thermal pressing is controlled to produce the laminated body with a density in a range from 0.8 to 1.4 g/cm^3.

13. (New) The method for manufacturing wood elements for musical instruments according to claim 12, wherein the thermal pressing comprises applying a pressure between 65 and 300 kg/cm^2.